

LABELING REQUIREMENTS!

Minnesota Firewood Must Be Labeled

SALE BY PACKAGE

Minn. Stat. § 239.093 (c) (2008)

A package offered, exposed, or held for sale must bear a clear and conspicuous declaration of:

- identity of the commodity in the package, unless the commodity can be easily identified through the wrapper or container;
- net quantity in terms of cubic feet or cubic meters, including fractions;
- name and address of the manufacturer, packer, or distributor, if the packages were not produced on the premises where they are offered, exposed, or held for sale; and
- unit price, if the packages are part of a lot containing random weight packages of the same commodity.

As of August 1, 2007, firewood sold or distributed across state boundaries or more than 100 miles from its origin must include information regarding the harvest locations of the wood by county and state on each label or wrapper.

SALE FROM BULK

Minn. Stat. § 239.092 (c) (2008)

Bulk sales of commodities, when the buyer and seller are not both present to witness the measurement, must be accompanied by a delivery ticket containing the following information:

- name and address of the person who weighed or measured the commodity;
- date delivered;
- quantity delivered, should be by cords or cubic meters, including fractions;
- count of individually wrapped packages delivered, if more than one is included in the quantity delivered;
- quantity on which the price is based, if different than the quantity delivered;
- identity of the commodity in the most descriptive terms commercially practicable, including representations of quality made in connection with the sale.

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www.mda.state.mn.us/firewood

IF YOU PURCHASE FIREWOOD

Buy it close to where it will be burned and burn it all.

- * Make sure it is labeled with required information.
- * Make sure it has the federal shield if it came from a quarantined area.

IF YOU HAVE YOUR OWN FIREWOOD

Burn it close to where it was harvested.

For questions about invasive species and firewood regulations, contact:

Minnesota Dept. of Agriculture Plant Protection Division

*Call our Arrest the Pest Hotline
651-201-6684 (Metro)*

or

*888-545-6684 (Greater Minnesota)
or visit www.mda.state.mn.us*

USDA, Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service

*Plant Protection and Quarantine
952-853-1904*

For questions about firewood on state lands, contact:

Minnesota Dept. of Natural Resources
*651-296-6157 (metro) or
888-646-6367 (greater Minnesota)*

For questions about state requirements for labeling, contact:

Minnesota Dept. of Commerce
*Weights and Measures
651-215-5821*

*In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act,
an alternative form of communication is available upon request.
TTY: 1-800-627-3529*

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FIREWOOD ALERT!

DON'T MOVE FIREWOOD!

**You Can Help Stop the
Spread of Invasive Species**



WHY ARE INVASIVE INSECTS A PROBLEM?

Gypsy moth and emerald ash borer are examples of invasive species that have killed millions of trees in nearby states. Others, such as Asian longhorned beetle and sirex woodwasp, also pose threats to the health of Minnesota's trees and forests.

WHY IS NOT MOVING FIREWOOD IMPORTANT?

Many of these invasive pest species live on or in trees, lumber, and firewood. When firewood is moved so are these pests.



MINNESOTANS NEED TO WATCH OUT!

In May 2009, Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) was found in St. Paul, Minnesota. As a result, both Hennepin and Ramsey counties have been quarantined. EAB has also been found in Wisconsin (just across the river from Houston County, MN) and so Houston County has also been quarantined. These quarantines restrict movement of ash materials and all hardwood firewood out of areas affected by EAB, and will help prevent new infestations within the state. New infestations across the country may be found on a regular basis, so please check the websites at the bottom of the page for the most up-to-date information.

FIREWOOD HARVESTED IN QUARANTINED COUNTIES CANNOT BE MOVED WITHOUT A PERMIT.

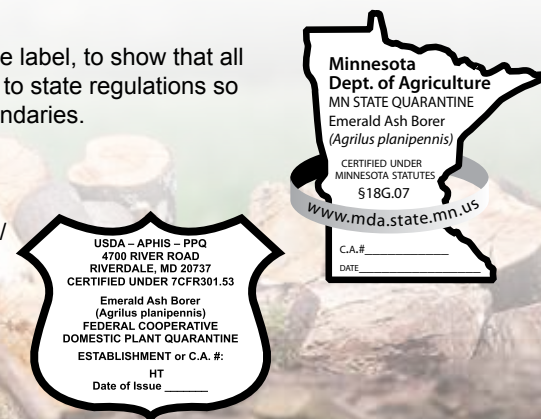
RECOGNIZE THE FEDERAL SHIELD AND STATE CERTIFICATE & KNOW WHAT THEY MEAN

Firewood that originates in a quarantined area is required to have a stamp or certificate with the federal shield and state certificate on the package label or invoice. The certificate states that the wood has gone through a process that is proven to reduce the risk of it carrying a regulated pest as it moves out of a quarantined area. Moving firewood out of quarantine areas without proper certification is punishable by fines. The state certificate also can help you determine whether the wood you're buying has been certified as safe to move.

IF YOU TRANSPORT WOOD OUT OF A QUARANTINE AREA, IT NEEDS TO HAVE A CERTIFICATE.

All state certified material will have the state EAB shield on the label, to show that all materials have been processed or treated properly according to state regulations so that any risk is mitigated before crossing quarantine area boundaries.

The federal shield indicates that regulated articles have been certified by regulatory officials as having been processed and/or transported properly under domestic plant quarantines.



Check quarantine maps online for the most up-to-date information.

Gypsy moth: www.aphis.usda.gov/plant_health/plant_pest_info/gypsy_moth/downloads/gypmoth.pdf

Emerald ash borer: www.emeraldashborer.info/files/MultiState_EABpos.pdf